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Latino Participation in United States Politics

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Hispanics/Latinos are the fastest growing and the second largest ethnic minority in the United States. They are concentrated in nine states which together control 75% of the electoral votes a candidate would need to win the presidency. The selected references listed here address the increasing political impact and potential of the Latino electorate and related issues. "Latinos," "Hispanics" or "Hispanic Americans" refer to those persons in the United States who are of Mexican, Cuban, Puerto Rican, or other Latin American origin. The titles listed below represent a sampling of the literature on Latinos and politics published since the late 1980s.

Additional sources can be located through the online catalog (UTCAT) by use of the following subject headings: Hispanic americans—politics and government; mexican americans—politics and government; Hispanic american politicians; mexican americans—suffrage; mexican americans—politics and suffrage; hispanic americans—suffrage; hispanic americans—political activity; etc. Journal articles may be located through a number of online and CD-ROM based indexes, including the *Chicano Database*, *PAIS International*, (Public Affairs Information Service) *Academic Periodical Index*, and *Social Sciences Abstracts*.

Barrio Ballots: Latino Politics in the 1990 Elections. Edited by Rodolfo O. de la Garza, Martha Menchaca, and Louis DeSipio. Boulder, CO: Westview Press, 1994.

"Reports on the findings of the Latino Political Ethnography Project [which] ... examined political activities in the key Latino barrios of five of the nation's principal cities during the 1990 elections." Cities studied were Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Chicago and Miami.

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Chavez, Linda. **Out of the Barrio: Toward a New Politics of Hispanic Assimilation.** New York: BasicBooks, 1991.

While this work from a conservative Hispanic political observer presents a highly controversial assimilationist theory, it provides an overview of Hispanic progress and achievement in the U.S. Chapter 2 discusses the Voting Rights Act and how it allegedly encouraged Hispanics to reject assimilation.

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De la Garza, Rodolfo O., et al. **Latino Voices: Mexican, Puerto Rican, and Cuban Perspectives on American Politics.** Boulder: Westview Press, 1992.

Based on the Latino National Political Survey, this work "provide[s] basic information about the political values, attitudes and behaviors" of the three major Latino groups in the U.S.

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DeSipio, Louis. **Counting on the Latino Vote: Latinos As a New Electorate.**

Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1996.

on the author's dissertation.

On order for BLAC; copy at Perry Castañeda Library

Ethnic Ironies: Latino Politics in the 1992 Elections. Edited by Rodolfo O. de la Garza and Louis DeSipio. Boulder: Westview Press, 1996.

Various essays examine those states with high concentrations of Latino voters in an attempt "to determine precisely how influential Latinos were in the 1992 election."

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From Rhetoric to Reality: Latino Politics in the 1988 Elections. Edited by Rodolfo O. de la Garza and Louis DeSipio. Boulder: Westview Press, 1992.

Essays discuss the potential and real effect of Latino electoral participation in the 1988 general elections. In addition to the editors, contributors include Christine Sierra, Federico Subervi, Luis Fraga, and Angelo Falcón.

184 S75 F75 1992 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copy in Perry-Castañeda Library

García, F. Chris, et al. **Latinos and Politics: A Selected Research Bibliography.** Austin: Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1991.

Extensively annotated bibliography; includes journal articles, books, doctoral dissertations, working papers, and government publications. Cites works published from 1965 to 1986. Author and subject indexes.

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Gómez-Quinones, Juan. **Chicano Politics: Reality and Promise, 1940-1990.**

Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1990.

Historical perspective on the political experience of people of Mexican descent in the

U.S. Chapter 4 particularly focuses on the electorate and electoral politics.
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Hardy-Fanta, Carol. **Latina Politics, Latino Politics: Gender, Culture, and Political Participation in Boston.** Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1993.

Relying primarily on interviews, the author examines how Latinas, mostly of Puerto Rican and Central American origin, "define ... develop ... [and] conceive" politics and political participation in a major East Coast urban center.

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Hero, Rodney E. **Latinos and the U.S. Political System: Two-Tiered Pluralism.**

Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1992.

Summarizes background and basic, normative, and theoretical issues from the political science research perspective. Examines Latino influence on national, state, and urban politics and on policies concerning education, public employment, and official language.

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Ignored Voices: Public Opinion Polls and the Latino Community in the United States. Edited by Rodolfo O. de la Garza. Austin: Center for Mexican American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1987.

Papers exploring "why Latinos' political views have been ignored, the consequences of this neglect, and what can be done to overcome it."

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Land Grants, Housing and Political Power. Edited by Antoinette Sedillo López.

Latinos in the United States, v. 6. New York: Garland, 1995.

Reprints of articles and chapters in books published primarily in the late 1980s. Thirteen of the twenty-one entries in this volume deal directly with voting rights, voting patterns, and Latino officeholders.

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The Latino Vote During the Decade 1980-1990. Washington, DC: National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) Education Fund, 1991.

Consists entirely of statistical tables.

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Latinos and Political Coalitions: Political Empowerment for the 1990s. Edited by Roberto E. Villarreal and Norma G. Hernández. New York: Greenwood, 1991.

A more accurate title might have been *Mexican Americans and Political Coalitions*; includes essays by Rodney Hero, Christine Sierra, Richard Santillan and Raúl Yzaguirre.

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Latinos and the Political System. Edited by F. Chris Garcia. Notre Dame, IN:

University of Notre Dame Press, 1988.

Twenty-seven articles provide overview and perspective on the involvement of Mexican Americans, Cuban Americans, and Puerto Ricans in U.S. politics. Includes sections on electoral participation, representation, policies, and outcome.

e 184 s75 1368 1988 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copies in Perry-Castañeda Library

Lescaille, Fernando. **Dominican Political Empowerment.** New York: Dominican Public Policy Institute, 1992.

Presents a very brief overview of Dominicans in New York City—demographics, participation in electoral politics on local and state levels, and implications for the future.

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Moncada, Alberto, and Juan Olivas. **Los hispanos en la política norteamericana.**

Madrid: Instituto de Cooperación Iberoamericana, 1989.

Especialmente útil para aquellos que leen español bien y están interesados en una perspectiva española. Los norteamericanos brevemente discuten el surgimiento político de los grupos hispanos en los Estados Unidos y su voto, luego describen la situación socio-política en áreas de los E.U. donde los latinos son influyentes. La mayor parte del libro consiste de entrevistas con 52 prominentes latinos en los Estados Unidos.

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National Directory of Latino Elected Officials. Los Angeles: National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (naleo), 1996-.

Formerly the *National Roster of Hispanic Elected Officials*, this annual presents a brief statistical overview of the Latino population and its elected officials, as well as a directory listing which provides officials' names, addresses, levels of government service, and political affiliations.

On order for the BLAC; earlier editions at E 184 S75 N38 LAC • Current ed. in Mexican American Reference Collection; others in Benson Collection stacks

Pachon, Harry P., et al. **The Latino Vote in 1992.** Washington, DC: National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (naleo) Education Fund, 1992.

Discusses electoral potential of the Latino community in the U.S., especially for congressional and presidential races in which the Latino vote could be the deciding factor. Notes internal and external constraints on political participation and debunks emerging myths concerning the Latino vote.

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Skerry, Peter. **Mexican Americans: The Ambivalent Minority.** New York: Free Press, 1993.

Skerry "offers a critique of prevailing Mexican-American political strategies," and essentially concludes that Chicanos are confused sheep led by misguided leaders. In 1994 the Tomás Rivera Center published a collection of papers in response to Skerry's book; see *Mexican Americans: Are They An Ambivalent Minority?*

E 184 M5 S57 1993 LAC • Benson Collection stacks; additional copies in Perry Castañeda and Undergraduate libraries

Vigil, Maurilio E. **Hispanics in American Politics: The Search for Political Power.** Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1987.

Considers "the realities and possibilities of conceptualizing Hispanics as a viable political group in American politics."

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Serial Titles

Crítica: A Journal of Puerto Rican Policy & Politics. New York: Institute for Puerto Rican Policy, no. 1, June 1994-.
E 184 P85 C748 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy. Cambridge: Harvard Journal of Hispanic Policy, v. 6, 1993-.
Formerly the *Journal of Hispanic* Policy published by the Hispanic Student Caucus of the JFK School of Government.
E 184 S75 J68 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Latino Vote Reporter: A Special Publication of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project. Montebello, CA: The Project, v. 1, 1996-.
F 790 S75 L38 LAC • Benson Collection stacks

Southwest Voter Research Notes. San Antonio: Southwest Voter Research Institute, v. 1. October 1986-.
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